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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS REPORTING: PREPARATION OF RESPONSE
TO FRASER SUBCOMMITTEE

REFS: (A) MANAGUA 3117, (B) STATE 162407, (C) MANAGUA 3055,
(D) STATE 153803

1. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE CURRENT STATUS REPORT ON
PREPARATION OF ADDITIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DATA AND EVALUATION
REQUESTED IN REFTEL D. THIS MATERIAL NEEDED TO COMPLETE
FULL RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY CONG. FRASER'S SUB-
COMMITTEE ON HIRC DURING JUNE 8-9 HEARINGS ON HUMAN RIGHTS
IN CENTRAL AMERICA. IN PARTICULAR, POINTS RAISED IN PARA-
GRAPHS TWO AND THREE OF REFTEL D STILL NEED TO BE ANSWERED;
OTHER POINTS DEALT WITH ALREADY BY EMBASSY IN REFTELS A AND
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2. DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES EMBASSY PRESENTLY OPERATING UNDER

HANDICAP OF PERSONNEL SHORTAGES AND TURNOVER; HOWEVER, RETURN OF CONGRESS THIS WEEK FROM RECESS IS EXPECTED TO BRING RENEWED PRESSURE FOR OUR RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS RAISED BY CARDENAL STATEMENT. RECEIPT OF RESULTS OF YOUR EFFORTS TO COLLATE VARIOUS LISTS OF NAMES AND TO CHECK THEM AGAINST OTHER RECORDS WILL BE NEEDED TO DEAL WITH MOST TROUBLE-SOME ELEMENTS OF CARDENAL TESTIMONY. MORE RECENT REVELATION OF ALLEGATIONS BY AMERICAN CAPUCHINS HAS ADDED URGENCY TO OUR EFFORTS TO DEAL WITH CHARGES OF ABUSES BY THE NATIONAL GUARD IN THE RURAL OPERATIONAL AREAS. IN THIS CONNECTION, WE WOULD ALSO BE INTERESTED IN RESULTS OF YOUR CONVERSATIONS WITH GON REGARDING CAPUCHIN CHARGES, AS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL B. KISSINGER

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